

SC PRESS RELEASE FOR APRIL 5, 2007 MEETING

MEETING 2

Steering Committee Press Release

INTERAGENCY CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE BEGINS SETTING PRIORITIES

The California Water Plan Steering Committee (SC) held their second meeting on April 5, 2007. The role of the Steering Committee is to provide policy input, oversight, and program management in preparing Water Plan Update 2009.

During the April session, the group continued organizing. They adopted a high-level work plan and set meeting dates for the rest of 2007. An early task of the group has been to learn more about the key topics that staff work teams will focus on in Water Plan Update 2009. They discussed how various state agencies could interact with the work teams and began to set priorities for current and planned work. The group also provided advice on membership, format and content for the public engagement process, including suggesting Advisory Committee and Regional Outreach goals.

The SC also discussed the importance of making the planning process fully transparent to the public. They elected to provide a full membership list and direct contact information for SC members on a new Steering Committee web page accessible to the public.